



Port of Tacoma **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, from the Kiwanis Club of Tacoma's first report to the community through a special Supplement in the Tacoma Ledger of June 20, 1920 prominently featured the Port of Tacoma and promoted its value to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Tacoma is the first Kiwanis Club in the Pacific Northwest, the first international district of Kiwanis International; and

WHEREAS, its initial membership of 15 included leaders of the community including Henry O. Foss, Foss Launch and Tug Company, whose presence personified entrepreneurship and maritime development; and

WHEREAS, the first President of the Kiwanis Club of Tacoma was Guy Kelly, former Washington State Speaker of the House and Governor of the Pacific Northwest Kiwanis District; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis International, chartering the Kiwanis Club of Tacoma on October 8, 1918, is one of the largest service organizations in the world with more than 600,000 members of all ages and abilities in more than 80 nations; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis International's Worldwide Service Project has worked to eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorder and is now engaged with Project Eliminate for the eradication of Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus, in partnerships with UNICEF; and

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Tacoma has been an active participant in these efforts to improve the lives of children around the world as well as participating in international student exchanges and showing by their actions and good works for the past 100 years that it is a significant asset to the local community by providing leadership and funding various community projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Port of Tacoma Commission in recognition of the Kiwanis Club of Tacoma's Centennial Anniversary, we hereby call upon all citizens of Pierce County to make themselves aware of the Kiwanis Club of Tacoma, whose members this day are providing meaningful service to our citizens, schools and community, and to celebrate this anniversary and share accolades with members of this organization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Port of Tacoma on this 25th day of October in the year 2018.

Donald G. Meyer, President
Port of Tacoma Commission

Clare Petrich, Vice President
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